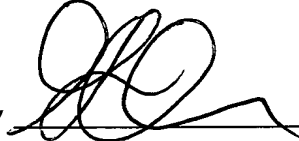


REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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"VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

3. (Amended) A knitted fabric according to claim[s] 1 [to 2], having an air permeability higher than $2400 \text{ l/10cm}^2\text{h}$.
4. (Amended) A knitted fabric according to claim[s] 1 [to 2], having a weight between 600 g/m^2 and 2000 g/m^2 .
5. (Amended) A knitted fabric according to claim[s] 1 [to 2], having a thickness more than 0.8 mm.
6. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 5], all of said fibres being metal fibres.
7. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 6], all of said fibres are stainless steel fibres.
9. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 8], having the single jersey 1/2 structure (23).
10. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 8], having the single jersey 1/3 structure (28).
11. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 8], having the single jersey 1/4 structure (32).
12. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 11], obtainable by means of a knitting machine with gauge equal or more than 20.
13. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 11], obtainable by means of a knitting machine with gauge equal or more than 22.
14. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 13], comprising yarns with metrical number equal or larger than 5.5.

15. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 13], comprising yarns with metrical number equal or larger than 7.5.

16. (Amended) A knitted fabric of claim 1 [to 13], comprising yarns with metrical number equal or larger than 10.

17. (Amended) Use of a fabric according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 for covering moulds and tempering or press-on rings which are utilised in the process of forming glass plates, or for covering the means of transport by which glass plates are moved during the forming process.

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